

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

- 5 Voice-controlled apparatus is provided which minimises the risk of activating more than one such apparatus at a time where multiple voice-controlled apparatus exist in close proximity. To start voice control of the apparatus, a user needs to be touching the apparatus when speaking. Preferably, after the user stops touching the apparatus, continuing voice control can only be effected whilst the user continues speaking without
- 10 breaks longer than a predetermined duration. The touch sensitive area of the apparatus is made of substantial size in the top front part of the apparatus.